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ABSTRACT

This book, written for parents of school-aged children and adolescents, shows why drug prevention in most schools today is inadequate, and explains what parents need to do in order to stop the flow of drugs through their local schools. The first half of the book consists of six chapters that explore the problem of drugs in schools. Chapter 1 considers the prevalence of drugs in schools and calls drug use in schools a nationwide problem. Chapter 2 examines who are the principal players and identifies the major barriers to change. Chapter 3 presents descriptions of successful school-based drug-use prevention programs to serve as models for other schools to follow. Chapter 4 explains techniques for evaluating the school's drug prevention program. Chapter 5 presents tips for readers to use what they have learned, and chapter 6 focuses on how to continue the efforts toward drug-free schools. The second half of the book presents a "power tool kit" of sample materials for readers to use in drug prevention efforts. Included are tip sheets; guidelines for drug-use prevention programs; pledge programs and pledges; rules for safe, drug-free parties; ideas for drug-free fund-raising events; working with the media; proclamations; ordinances; resources; state kits; and "nuts and bolts"--two sample statements on school policies concerning student tobacco, alcohol, and other drug use. (NB)

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